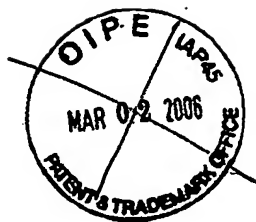


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-11, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.**

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